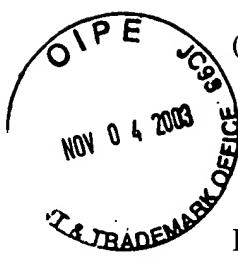


#9
S/T

11-07-03



03500.015873

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TETSUYA ITANO

Application No.: 09/976,096

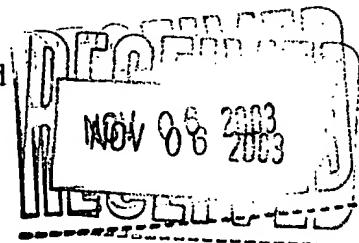
Filed: October 15, 2001

For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS

) Examiner: Unassigned

) Group Art Unit: 2612

) November 4, 2003

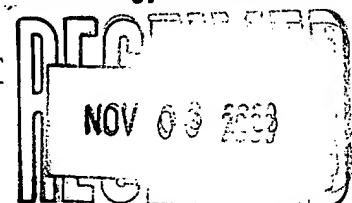


Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED

NOV 05 2003

Technology Center 2600



Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

FOREIGN PATENTS:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
2000-9925	Japan	January 14, 2000

REMARKS

The above-listed document were cited in an official communication from the European Patent Office in connection with a corresponding European patent application. A copy of a Search Report indicating how this reference was deemed material

to the European patent application also is enclosed as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

The JP 2000-9925 reference previously was cited in an Information Disclosure Statement of July 1, 2003; accordingly, a copy of the reference is not submitted herein.

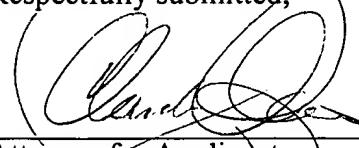
FEE STATEMENT

Since this paper is being submitted within three (3) months of the mailing date of the communication from the European Patent Office and prior to the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits in the subject application, Applicant believes that no fee is necessitated by this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


Attorney for Applicant
Christopher Philip Wrist
Registration No. 32,078

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112-3801
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

CPW:eyw
DC-MAIN 148765 v1

FORM PTO 1449 (modified) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S) (Use several sheets if necessary) November 4, 2003			ATTY DOCKET NO. 03500.015873		APPLICATION NO. 09/976,096		
			APPLICANT TETSUYA ITANO				
			FILING DATE October 15, 2001		GROUP 2612		
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
<i>O I P E</i> NOV 04 2003							
<i>U.S. TRADEMARK OFFICE</i>							
RECEIVED							
NOV 05 2003							
Technology Center 2600							
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		2000-9925	01/14/2000	Japan			Abstract
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
		Office Action, European Patent Office, dated September 25, 2003.					
EXAMINER				DATE CONSIDERED			

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Sheet 1 of 1

CPW:eyw